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SUBJ: REPORT OF ETHIOPIAN WILLINGNESS TO SURRENDER LAND TO
SOMALIA ANDERITREANS

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1. EMB HAS READ WITH DEGREE AMUSEMENT BOTH LEE AND
COLIN LEGUM ARTICLES ON REPORT OF EPMG'S WILLINGNESS TO
SURRENDER TERRITORY TO SOMALI'S AND ERITREANS. NEITHER
EPMG NOR MENGISTU HIMSELF HAVE INDICATED IN WORD OR DEED
WILLINGNESS TO CEDE NATIONAL TERRITORY. IN FACT, MILITIA
CAMPAIGN CURRENTLY BEING PREPARED OSTENSIBLY TO DEFEND
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ETHIOPIA'S TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, INITIATED BY STRONG
APRIL 12 MENGISTU SPEECH IN WHICH HE REAFFIRMED
CATEGORICALLY ETHIOPIA'S "INVIOABLE
TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND UNASSAILABLE UNITY."
MENGISTU ADDED, "OUR BORDERS AND FRONTIERS ... MUST
NOT BE VIOLATED TODAY WHILE THEY IN CUSTODY OF NEW
REVOLUTIONARY GENERATION." EPMG HAS CARRIED OUT

QUIET NEGOTIATIONS WITH LEFTIST POPULAR LIBERATION FRONT WITH WHOM EPMG NO DOUBT FEELS A CERTAIN DEGREE OF IDEOLOGICAL COMPATIBILITY, BUT RECENT ACTIONS OF PLF ON BATTLEFRONT IN ERITREA BELIE ANY SUCCESS ON PART EPMG.

2. DURING RECENT CASTRO VISIT, IT LIKELY THAT CASTRO RAISED SUBJECT OF SOME FORM FEDERATION BETWEEN ETHIOPIA, SOMALIA, AND PDRY AND THAT PMAC CHAIRMAN MENGISTU PROBABLY SUPPORTED EFFORT FOR WHATEVER REASON. FEDERATION WOULD NOT, OF COURSE, RESULT IN LOSS OF ETHIOPIAN TERRITORY. ANY ETHIOPIAN LEADER WHO OPENLY ACQUIESCED IN LOSS OF ETHIOPIAN TERRITORY, PARTICULARLY TO SOMALIS, WOULD FACE SERIOUS POLITICAL REPERCUSSIONS.

3. WILLIAM LEE IS U.S. CITIZEN, FORMER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER IN ETHIOPIA, AS WELL AS FORMER EMPLOYEE RADIO VOICE OF GOSPEL RECENTLY NATIONALIZED BY EPMG. HE LIVED IN ETHIOPIA 1968-74 AND RECENTLY PUBLISHED ARTICLE ENTITLED "ETHIOPIA: A REVIEW OF THE DERGUE" IN MARCH-APRIL EDITION OF AFRICA REPORT. ARTICLE, WHICH GENERALLY FACTUAL AND WELL WRITTEN, INDICATES "SOMETHING WRONG WITH DERGUE'S REVOLUTION" AND MAKES FAVORABLE COMMENTS ON ETHIOPIAN DEMOCRATIC UNION. ARTICLE STATES EDU "HAS NO TIES WITH DISPOSSESSED LANDLORDS AND DEPOSED MONARCHY." IN VIEW EDU HEAD-QUARTERS IN LONDON, FAVORABLE IF UNTRUE COMMENT BY LEE ON EDU, AND SIMILAR ARTICLE BY COLIN LEGUM WHO IS CONFIDENTIAL

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KNOWN TO HAVE CLOSE TIES WITH EDU, WE BELIEVE THERE STRONG LIKELIHOOD EDU SOURCES LONDON RESPONSIBLE FOR STORY.
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